

**CITY OF MESA  
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)  
February 26, 2014 Action Results**

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014,  
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair  
Cheryl Anderson  
Karen Frias- Long  
Frank Johnson  
Tony Liuzzo  
Cliff Moon  
Juan Panchano  
Talmage Pearce  
Lu Ann Schmidt  
Mark Tompert

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Arenas  
Ruth Giese  
Justin Smothers  
Mike Soelberg  
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Deanna Cantrell  
David Daugherty  
Karen Kurtz

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 6:04pm.

- Susan Lotz's Resignation.
- Introduction and announcement of new board members Karen Frias-Long and Juan Panchano.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

2. Items from Citizens Present.\*

There were no citizens that requested to speak.

3. Approval of minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Liuzzo to approve the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes from the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Liuzzo to approve the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Report Commander Mike Soelberg from the Superstition Police District.
- Report on police related incidents and activities.
- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Hear, discuss and take action on the request to proclaim the South Vietnamese Flag as the official flag of Mesa's Vietnamese community from the Vietnamese Community of Arizona.

A motion was made by Mr. Liuzzo to support the Vietnamese Community of Arizona by approving the Proclamation for a Vietnamese Heritage Day as drafted by the Mayor's Office, Mr. Tompert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Hear, discuss and take action on survey results presented by Morrison Institute

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

8. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Issues Research and Action Team.

- Report on the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Community Conversation on Discrimination series.
- Report on the speaker's bureau.

A motion was made by Ms. Schmidt to move forward with the dialogue series as discussed, Mr. Liuzzo seconded. The motion carried unanimously

9. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team.

- Provide an update on the awareness campaign for service animals.
- Report on presentation from City of Mesa Transit Director.
- Report on ways of educating the community on mental health issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Youth Diversity Education Team.

- Report on replacement of subcommittee Chair for 2013/2014.
- Provide update on educating youth through the Cinema Series project.
- Provide an update on interactive blog on diversity.
- Report on a sex trafficking education program.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

11. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Veterans Task Force.

- Report on February 20, 2014 Veterans committee meeting.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

12. Discuss and take action on the replacement of Vice Chair for 2013/2014.

Mr. Moon nominated Mr. Tompert for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Tompert accepted the nomination. Mr. Liuzzo seconded the nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Hear and discuss conferences and/or meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

14. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6pm at Mesa City Plaza (directly south of Council Chambers), 20 E Main St. Ste. 170.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Submitted By:



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